

**A M E N D M E N T****Clean Version**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **CANCEL** Claims 1-25 without prejudice.

Please **REPLACE** Claims 26-27 as follows:

26. (AMENDED) A method of playing a game that is associated with a predetermined point total, in which a hand of a player is compared to a hand of a dealer to determine a winner, comprising:
- allowing a player to select a specific score instead of a player's hand;
  - dealing and playing a dealer's hand; and
  - comparing the specific score to the dealer's hand to determine a winner of the game.
27. (AMENDED) A method of playing a game that is associated with a predetermined point total, in which a hand of a player is compared to a hand of a dealer to determine a winner, comprising:
- allowing a player to select a specific score instead of a dealer's hand;
  - dealing and playing a player's hand; and
  - comparing the player's hand to the specific score to determine a winner of the game.

**A M E N D M E N T****Marked-Up Version**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please **CANCEL** Claims **1-25** without prejudice.

Please **REPLACE** Claims **26-27** as follows:

26. (AMENDED) A method of playing a game [of twenty-one] that is associated with a predetermined point total, in which a hand of a player is compared to a hand of a dealer to determine a winner, comprising:

- allowing a player to select a specific score instead of a player's hand;
- dealing and playing a dealer's hand; and
- comparing the specific score to the dealer's hand to determine a winner of the game.

27. (AMENDED) A method of playing a game [of twenty-one] that is associated with a predetermined point total, in which a hand of a player is compared to a hand of a dealer to determine a winner, comprising:

- allowing a player to select a specific score instead of a dealer's hand;
- dealing and playing a player's hand; and
- comparing the player's hand to the specific score to determine a winner of the game.

Please ADD new Claims 38-72 as follows:

38. (NEW) A method comprising:  
receiving a wager for a game from a player,  
in which the game is associated with a predetermined count value, and  
in which a rule of the game provides that the player may receive at least one card  
determined by chance;  
receiving a request from the player for a specific entry, in which the specific entry is in  
place of the at least one card;  
determining a dealer score based on a hand of a dealer; and  
determining an outcome of the game based on the predetermined count value, the specific  
entry, and the dealer score.

39. (NEW) The method of claim 38, in which the game is blackjack.

40. (NEW) A method comprising:  
receiving a wager for a game from a player,  
in which the game is associated with a predetermined count value, and  
in which a rule of the game provides that a dealer may receive at least one card  
determined by chance;  
receiving a request from the player for a specific entry, in which the specific entry is in  
place of the at least one card;  
determining a player score based on a hand of the player; and  
determining an outcome of the game based on the predetermined count value, the specific  
entry, and the player score.

41. (NEW) The method of claim 40, in which the game is blackjack.

42. (NEW) A method comprising:  
receiving a request from a player, the request indicating a specific score;  
determining a hand of a dealer; and  
comparing the specific score and the hand of the dealer to determine a winner of a game  
of twenty-one,  
in which the specific score is associated with the player.

43. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which determining the hand of the dealer comprises:  
dealing at least one card of a plurality of cards to the dealer.

44. (NEW) The method of claim 43, in which the player does not receive any of the plurality  
of cards.

45. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which the specific score is one of 17, 18, 19 and 20.

46. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which receiving the request comprises:  
receiving a betting chip in a betting chip placement area.

47. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which the specific score is represented by a game piece.
48. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which receiving the request comprises: receiving the request at a video game device.
49. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which receiving the request comprises: receiving the request via the Internet.
50. (NEW) The method of claim 42, further comprising: adjusting a bet for the game.
51. (NEW) The method of claim 50, further comprising: notifying the player of the adjustment of the bet.
52. (NEW) The method of claim 42, further comprising: adjusting a payout for the game.
53. (NEW) The method of claim 52, further comprising: notifying the player of the adjustment of the payout.
- ✓ 54. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which determining the hand of the dealer comprises: determining a probability based on the request; and determining the hand of the dealer based on the probability.
55. (NEW) The method of claim 42, in which comparing comprises: determining a score corresponding to the hand of the dealer; and determining which of the specific score and the score corresponding to the hand of the dealer is greater.
56. (NEW) A method comprising: receiving a request from a player, the request indicating a specific score; determining a hand of the player; and, comparing the specific score and the hand of the player to determine a winner of a game of twenty-one, in which the specific score is associated with a dealer.
57. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which determining the hand of the player comprises: dealing at least one card of a plurality of cards to the player.
58. (NEW) The method of claim 57, in which the dealer does not receive any of the plurality of cards.
59. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which the specific score is one of 17, 18, 19 and 20.
60. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which receiving the request comprises:

receiving a betting chip in a betting chip placement area.

61. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which the specific score is represented by a game piece.
62. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which receiving the request comprises: receiving the request at a video game device.
63. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which receiving the request comprises: receiving the request via the Internet.
64. (NEW) The method of claim 56, further comprising: adjusting a bet for the game.
65. (NEW) The method of claim 64, further comprising: notifying the player of the adjustment of the bet.
66. (NEW) The method of claim 56, further comprising: adjusting a payout for the game.
67. (NEW) The method of claim 66, further comprising: notifying the player of the adjustment of the payout.
68. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which determining the hand of the player comprises: determining a probability based on the request; and determining the hand of the player based on the probability.
69. (NEW) The method of claim 56, in which comparing comprises: determining a score corresponding to the hand of the player; and determining which of the specific score and the score corresponding to the hand of the player is greater.
70. (NEW) A method comprising:  
allowing a player of a game of blackjack to select one of:  
receiving a hand comprising at least one card, and  
requesting a specific entry;  
receiving a request from the player, the request indicating a specific score;  
determining a dealer score based on a hand of a dealer; and  
determining an outcome of the game based on the specific score and the dealer score.
71. (NEW) The method of claim 70,  
in which receiving the request comprises:  
receiving a chip that indicates the specific score; and  
in which the specific score is one of 17, 18, 19 and 20.

72. (NEW) A method comprising:  
allowing a player of a game of blackjack to select one of:  
allowing a dealer to receive a hand comprising at least one card, and  
requesting a specific entry;  
receiving a request from the player, the request indicating a specific score;  
determining a player score based on a hand of the player; and  
determining an outcome of the game based on the specific score and the player score.
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